

IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING
September 16, 2014

Opening of the Meeting

Chairman Ron Gocken opened the meeting at 6:30pm. Members present were Ryan Brault, Jeff Glenn, Ron Gocken, Vern Grohler, Derek Hagen, Frank Hines, Roger Lebeck, Howard Loy, John Solomon and Jed Whitlow. Members absent were Jason Brown and Joel Moore. Also present were 911 Coordinator Nita Dubble, Carla Waters of the Times Republic, Iroquois County State's Attorney Jim Devine, Sandy Drake, and Mitchell Bence. Also present were Iroquois County Board Members Dale Schuldt, Charlie Alt, John Shure, and Susan Wynn Bence.

Roll call for mileage reimbursement: Answering yes were Brault, Grohler, Hines, Loy, and Whitlow. Answering no were Glenn, Gocken, Lebeck, and Solomon.

Approval of Minutes

Brault moved to accept the August 19, 2014 minutes. Seconded by Grohler. Minutes were accepted.

Public Comment

No Report.

Old Business

Lebeck advised of items on the 2015 ETSB budget that needed to be addressed. One being the contingency line item; per county code the contingency line item cannot exceed five percent of the total budget, which currently it is over that amount. Another question regarding the budget was the AT&T Mobility amount. Dubble met with Anita Speckman regarding the AT&T Mobility figure which had been placed in various line items and not into the correct line item. This will be addressed and corrected per Speckman.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Lebeck to change the following line items: Contingency fund to \$18,000.00, Maintenance & Repair to 55,000.00, and Purchase of Equipment to \$61,854.66. Seconded by Hines. Motion passed.

Devine stated the current ETSB Members remain active until they have either been replaced or reappointed.

Hagen questioned Devine regarding a new "law" that supposedly would allow the county board chairman to remove all of the ETSB members and reappoint them. Devine stated he did not want to answer that question at this time. He did state that he had talked to the Attorney General Opinions Bureau regarding various scenarios and chose not to speculate on what would happen with the ETSB members and he wished to reserve his comments.

Concerning statements made regarding the Sheriff taking over dispatch, Hagen commented on the letter from Giffin Winning Cohen & Bodewes which states that a county board cannot mandate that the Sheriff run dispatch. Hagen stated December 1st, the Sheriff will not be running dispatch.

Dubble commented that the dispatch equipment belongs to the ETSB and the ETSB is responsible for how it is used. All entities involved need to work together as a team and not as individuals in order to accomplish what is best for the citizens of Iroquois County.

Loy stated that he had recently talked with a couple of fire chiefs and they are happy with how dispatch has been functioning over the past several years.

Gocken commented that public safety is number one, regardless what other outside entities or people think.

Brault questioned what direction the county board was going regarding dispatch. Brault asked the county board members who were present the same question. Susan Bence stated that most of the County Board Members do not know what direction is being taken. Schuldt stated he had no idea. Alt and Shure had no comment other than it was all rumors.

Brault stated that the ETSB needs to decide what direction they are going to take as December 1, 2014 dispatch as it is known today ceases to exist.

Whitlow stated that after a meeting with the County Board Chairman, the Chairman stated that if the ETSB has a major equipment breakdown that the ETSB cannot fund, there would be more deputies taken off the road.

New Business

Dubble attended the NENA / APCO meeting. The ICC report which is due October 1st was discussed. Dubble is working on completing this report. If the report is not completed by October 1st the ICC will withhold the wireless funds.

Equipment Procurement

Hines reported the generator was in need of repairs. It was being serviced by Metro Power when they discovered that the radiator was leaking. It was determined the radiator should be replaced as it was leaking in several areas. The radiator was repaired last week.

Dubble discussed the agreement between County and ETSB regarding the generator. The county still pays for half the cost of the generator service fees and repairs.

Facility Operations

No Report.

Fire Service and EMS

Glenn stated that Camp 911 is going very well and what a great program it is for the kids at the grade school level.

Law Enforcement

No Report.

MSAG

No Report.

Personnel

No Report.

Public Relations

No Report.

Joint Dispatch

No Report.

Finance

Dubble advised the amount from the carrier fund “grant” will be approximately \$270.00 this year.

Dubble stated that the ETSB has received a late notice for payment on the Emergitech software used by the Sheriff’s office. Hagen commented that he should be able to manage one more payment this year and that this amount was included in the office expense line item for next year’s budget, however he feels there may only be enough approved to pay for half. Several of the Sheriff’s line items were cut for reasons not explained to him. It was discussed how the ETSB has helped support the County in the past when the County was short on funds but that does not seem to matter today.

The Board reviewed the bills submitted. Lebeck made a motion to approve the bills and accept the finances based on the claims presented. Seconded by Grohler. Motion passed.

Other Business

Glenn asked Devine if the decision to appoint ETSB Board Members is solely up to the County Board Chairman. Devine stated that the Chairman appoints and the County Board approves by a majority vote.

Adjournment

Solomon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Grohler. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm. The next meeting will be October 14th at 6:30 p.m.

** Audio of the full meeting is available for review.**